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1. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL IRANIAN TRADE STATISTICS, DURING 1973 IRAN'S IMPORTS FROM PRC TOTALLED \$21.3 MILLION. MAJOR IMPORTS (IN \$ MILLIONS) WERE: IRON AND STEEL 2.9, COTTON YARN AND PIECE GOODS 2.5, CERAMIC AND CHINAWARE 2.0, PAPER 1.1, PENCILS 1.1, RAW WOOL 0.9, CLOCKS AND WATCHES 0.7, SEWING MACINES 0.7. EXPORTS TO PRC FROM IRAN DURING 1973 TOTALLED \$26.9 MILLION. MAJOR ITEMS WERE: RAW COTTON 23.3, COTTON PIECE GOODS 1.0, CHORMITE ORE 1.0, SULPHUR 0.8, UNWROUGHT ALUMINUM 0.6.

2. ABOVE DOES NOT INCLUDE PETROLEUM EXPORTS, STATISTICS FOR WHICH GOI DOES NOT PUBLISH BREAKDOWN BY COUNTRY. ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE SOURCE, NATIONAL IRANIAN OIL COMPANY AGREED TO SELL PRC ANNUALLY 500,000 MT OF OIL, BUT EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION INDICATING CHINESE HAVE ACTUALLY PURCHASED ANY OF THIS AMOUNT. TRADE IN MILITARY EQUIPMENT ALSO OMITTED FROM PUBLISHED IRANIAN STATISTICS, BUT AGAIN EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION ANY SUCH TRADE EXISTS BETWEEN IRAN AND PRC.

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